

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please ADD new claims 32 and 33 in accordance with the following:

1. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A computer system, comprising:
means for receiving client identification information from a terminal of one client; and
means for transmitting, to said terminal of said one client, display information in which client representation information of said one client and client representation information of other clients, who belong to a genre registered by said one client in advance, are positioned at predetermined locations in response to a receipt of said client identification information.
2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system according to claim 1, wherein said client representation information is image information to identify a client, and wherein said display information includes an image of a tree in which said image information is positioned at a predetermined location.
3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system according to claim 1, wherein said client representation information is grouped according to each predetermined number of members who belong to the same genre, and wherein said display information includes information for instructing to acquire display information that includes said client representation information related to another group in said genre registered by said one client.
4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system according to claim 1, further comprising:
means for reading out information that matches an attribute, registered in advance, for a second client that corresponds to a selected client representation information, if information indicating the selection of client representation information is received from said terminal of said one client, and for forming second display information for said second client by using the read information; and

means for transmitting to said terminal of said one client, formed second display information.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system according to claim 4, wherein said information that matches said attribute registered in advance for said second client includes an advertisement, reference destination information for information associated with said attribute, or both.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system according to claim 4, further comprising:

means for registering a comment for a client, said comment received from a different client, and

wherein said means for reading out includes the registered comment from said different client into said second display information for said second client.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system according to claim 4, further comprising:

means for requesting a comment from an expert in a genre registered in advance by said one client, and

wherein said means for reading out includes reading out said comment received from said expert into said second display information for said second client.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system according to claim 7, further comprising:

means for transmitting a request, for said comment from said expert, to said expert, upon said request for said comment by said expert being received from said terminal of said one client;

means for transmitting said display information for said one client to an expert terminal, upon receipt of a request from the expert terminal; and

means for storing comment information in a storage area for said one client, upon receipt of said comment information from said expert terminal.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system according to claim 4, wherein said second display information for said second client includes reference destination information to public information of an expert in the genre registered in advance by said second client.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system according to claim 9, wherein said public information includes information concerning a comment request submitted by said second client.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system according to claim 1, wherein said means for transmitting display information changes said location of said client representation information at a predetermined time interval, and transmits the changed display information upon receipt of a request from said terminal of said one client.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system according to claim 1, wherein said means for transmitting display information comprises:

means for reading out from a data storage device, client representation information for said one client and client representation information for other clients who belong to a genre registered by said one client in advance; and

means for transmitting, to said terminal of said one client, display information including the read client representation information and a template used to display said client specification information at predetermined locations.

13. (ORIGINAL) The computer system according to claim 2, wherein said image of said tree is changed as time elapses.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer system according to claim 1, wherein said genre is defined for a dream of a client, and wherein, if a client specifies a genre other than those that are prepared in advance at a client registration, said genre specified by the client is added to available choice items for a next registration.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A computer-readable storage for storing a program for controlling a computer to provide information, by:
receiving client identification information from a terminal of one client; and

in response to receipt of said client identification information, transmitting, to said terminal of said one client, display information in which client representation information for said one client and client representation information for other clients who belong to a genre registered by said one client in advance are positioned at predetermined locations.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer-readable storage for controlling a computer to provide information according to claim 15, further comprising:

if information indicating selection of client representation information is received from said terminal of said one customer, reading out information that matches an attribute registered in advance for a second client that corresponds to the selected client representation information, and for forming second display information for said second client by using the read information; and

transmitting to said terminal of said one client, said formed display information.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer-readable storage for controlling a computer to provide information according to claim 16, further comprising:

registering a comment for a client, said comment received from a different client, and wherein said reading out comprises including the registered comment from said different client in said second display information for said second client.

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer-readable storage for controlling a computer to provide information according to claim 16, further comprises requesting a comment from an expert in a genre registered in advance by said one client, and

wherein said reading out comprises including said comment received from said expert into said second display information for said second client.

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer-readable storage for controlling a computer to provide information according to claim 18, further comprising:

if a request for said comment by said expert is received from said terminal of said one client, transmitting said request to said expert;

upon receipt of a request from an expert terminal, transmitting said display information for said one client to said expert terminal; and

upon receipt of comment information from said expert terminal, storing said comment information in a storage area for said one client.

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer-readable storage for controlling a computer to provide information according to claim 15, wherein said transmitting display information comprises:

changing said location of said client representation information at a predetermined time interval; and

transmitting the changed display information upon receipt of a request from said terminal of said one client.

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer-readable storage for controlling a computer to provide information according to claim 15, wherein said transmitting display information comprises:

reading out, from a data storage device, client representation information for said one client and client representation information for other clients who belong to a genre registered by said one client in advance ; and

transmitting to said terminal of said one client, display information including the read client representation information and a template used to display said client specification information at predetermined location.

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An information providing method comprising:

receiving client identification information from a terminal of one client; and

in response to receipt of said client identification information, transmitting, to said terminal of said one client, display information in which client representation information for said one client and client representation information for other clients who belong to a genre registered by said one client in advance are positioned at predetermined locations.

23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The information providing method according to claim 22, further comprising:

if information indicating selection of client representation information is received from said terminal of said one customer, reading out, information that matches an attribute registered in advance for a second client that corresponds to the selected client representation information, and for forming second display information for said second client by using the read information; and

transmitting, to said terminal of said one client, said formed second display information.

24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The information providing method according to claim 23, further comprising registering a comment for a client, said comment received from a different client, and

wherein said reading out comprises including the registered comment from said different client into said second display information for the said second client.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The information providing method according to claim 23, further comprising requesting a comment from an expert in a genre registered in advance by said one client, and

wherein said reading out comprises including said comment received from said expert into said second display information for said second client.

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The information providing method according to claim 25, further comprising:

if a request for said comment by said expert is received from said terminal of said one client, transmitting said request to said expert;

upon receipt of a request from an expert terminal, transmitting said display information for said one client to said expert terminal; and

upon receipt of comment information from said expert terminal, storing said comment information in a storage area for said one client.

27. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The information providing method according to claim 22, wherein said transmitting display information comprises:

changing said location of said client representation information at a predetermined time interval; and

transmitting the changed display information upon receipt of a request from said terminal of said one client.

28. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The information providing method according to claim 22, wherein said transmitting display information comprises:

reading out from a data storage device, client representation information for said one client and client representation information for other clients who belong to a genre registered by said one client in advance; and

transmitting to said terminal of said one client, display information including the read client representation information and a template used to display said client representation information at predetermined locations.

29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The information providing method according to claim 22, wherein said display information includes an image of a tree in which image information to identify a client is positioned at predetermined location locations, and wherein said information providing method further changing said image of said tree as time elapses.

30. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An information acquisition method comprising:
transmitting client identification information to an information providing server;
receiving from said information providing server, display information in which client representation information for said one client and client representation information for other clients who belong to a genre registered by said one client in advance are positioned at predetermined locations; and
displaying said display information on a display device.

31. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The information acquisition method according to claim 30, further comprising:
transmitting information indicating selection of client representation information to said information providing server;
receiving, from said information providing server, second display information for a second client that corresponds to the selected client representation information, wherein said second display information for said second client includes information that matches an attribute registered in advance for said client; and
displaying the received second display information for said second client.

32. (NEW) A computer system, comprising:
a unit that receives client identification information from a terminal of one client; and
a unit that transmits, to said terminal of said one client, display information in which an image to identify said one client and images to identify other clients who belong to a genre registered by said one client in advance are positioned at predetermined locations, in response to a receipt of said client identification information.

33. (NEW) A system comprising:
a client terminal;
a receiver receiving client identification information from the terminal; and
a transmitter transmitting, to the terminal, display information in which client representation information of a first client and client representation information of a second client, which belongs to a genre registered by the first client in advance, are positioned at predetermined locations in response to a receipt of the client identification information.